



Conflict Transformation Across Borders

Summer Training Institute

Quito, Ecuador

June 5-24, 2016

BORDER ZONES can be sites of conflict among states and transnational actors over currency and trade, migration and refugees, environmental threats, and contested sovereignty, illustrated by the European refugee crisis, the U.S.-Mexico border, disputes over contested borders in East Asia, and many other cases around the world. Trained, dedicated individuals capable of developing innovative responses with which to transform conflicts are needed to build institutional and social bases for coexistence and a lasting peace.

Program Summary

Led by an international faculty of peacebuilding practitioners and scholars, this summer institute in Ecuador is designed to equip early-career professionals, graduate and advanced undergraduate students, and other future peacebuilders with practical tools, knowledge, and hands-on experience to understand the complexities of conflicts within and across border regions, and the types of interventions that can be used to transform these conflicts. Ecuador is the perfect venue for studying these issues, as it is the largest recipient of refugees in Latin America, has advocated for the concept of universal citizenship, and has negotiated the negative impact of transnational environmental damage with neighboring states and with extractive industries.

Participants will reside in a university residence near FLACSO-Ecuador in Quito, and will make field visits to the Amazon cloud forest in Baeza, and to the Northern Border region in Carchi province. The language of instruction will be English, although some Spanish-language talks will likely be included with translation provided.

Conflict Transformation Across Borders is offered through the Department of Conflict Resolution, Human Security, and Global Governance in UMass Boston's McCormack Graduate School of Policy and Global Studies. The program will be jointly run with UMass Boston partner institutions la Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales (FLACSO-Ecuador), and the Center for Mediation, Peace, and Resolution of Conflict (CEMPROC).

Active Learning

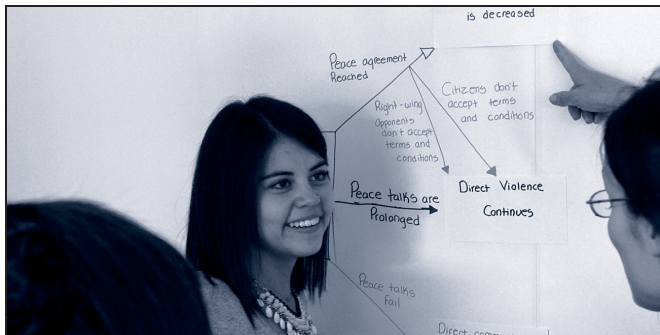
This program uses a combination of classroom learning and discussion, hands-on experience through simulations and field visits, and interaction with high-profile guest speakers who are practitioners and scholars in the field of conflict transformation. Students will have the opportunity to engage in simulations and site visits during the practical training component of the course.

After laying a theoretical foundation, the program will include the analysis of concrete cases of conflict and peacebuilding in the region, as well as practical skills training workshops on conflict analysis, negotiation and mediation, cross-cultural and nonviolent communication, and proposal writing.

Participants will research and design their own proposal for a peacebuilding intervention, and will receive feedback from a panel of experienced experts in the field. Those wishing to submit their proposals to funding agencies for consideration will receive encouragement and technical assistance. In this way, the summer institute serves not only to generate knowledge and develop skills, but to act as a platform for action.

Topics

- ♦ Human security vs. national security in border regions
- ♦ Transnational dimensions of conflict and peacebuilding
- ♦ Skills workshop: Conflict analysis
- ♦ Border disputes and binational dialogue/peace processes: the cases of Ecuador-Colombia and Ecuador-Peru
- ♦ Forced migration and social conflict in migrant-receiving communities
- ♦ Skills workshop: Negotiation and mediation
- ♦ Skills workshop: Project development and proposal writing
- ♦ Conflict involving transnational environmental challenges
- ♦ Indigenous identity, ethnicity and conflict in border regions
- ♦ Skills workshop: Cross-cultural and non-violent communication as peacebuilding resource
- ♦ Security sector reform; disarmament, demobilization, and reintegration (DDR) and the Colombian armed conflict
- ♦ Nonviolence and civil resistance



Faculty

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FLACSO-Ecuador

Invited guests may include:

FRANCISCO CARRIÓN, former Ecuadorian Minister of Foreign
Relations and ambassador to the United Nations

COLONEL FLAVIO CÁRDENAS, former UN peacekeeper and
officer in the Ecuador-Peru war

REV ISRAEL BATISTA, presidential appointee to the Commission
on Truth and Transparency to investigate the Angostura attack by
Colombia on a FARC camp in Ecuadorian territory

YVES-RENEE JENNINGS, George Mason University/World Bank
conflict resolution expert (retired) on Haiti-Dominican Republic
border

Many others

Academic Credit

All participants will register for:

CONRES 626 Advanced Intervention
3 graduate credits

CONRES 696 Independent Study (Optional)
3 graduate credits

Credit will be granted by UMass Boston, but students from any
university (or graduates) are welcome.

Program Fees

CONRES 626 (required)
\$799 tuition fee, payable to UMass Boston

CONRES 696 (optional)
\$599, independent study tuition, payable to UMass Boston

\$2,400 program fee, which includes in-country costs such as
housing, meals, ground transportation, facilities, materials, field
trips, etc., payable to CEMPROC.

This fee does not include insurance or airfare between the par-
ticipant's home and Quito. Please do not purchase airfare until
formal notice of acceptance has been received.

Application Deadline

Application Deadline: March 21, 2016

Download our application here:

www.umb.edu/editor_uploads/images/caps/CAPS_Study_Abroad_Application.pdf

Early application is highly recommended. Applications received
after the deadline will be considered if space is available.

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